Our Prime Minister conveyed India's readiness to render all possible assistance to Nepal for accelerating economic rehabilitation and development, in accordance with the priorities and wishes of the Government of Nepal. Government of India, *inter alia,* expressed its willingness to expedite progress on long-term mega infrastructure projects, extend immediately a one-time grant of Rs. 100 crores to the budget of Government of Nepal, offered a soft credit line of US $ 100 million for the execution of infrastructure development projects, enhancement of its 'Aid to Nepal' budget for the current financial year from 65 crore to Rs. 150 crore and waive the dues outstanding as on June 9,2006 owed by the Government of Nepal to the Government of India on account of defence purchases.

Foreign Secretary's visit to Tokyo

318. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the topics discussed between Governments of India and Japan in June last when India's Foreign Secretary visited Tokyo;

(b) the decisions arrived at as a result of the discussions; and

(c) the follow up action, if any, so far taken by the two Governments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) There was no visit by the Foreign Secretary to Tokyo in June.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SCO and CICA summits

319. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the newly emerged Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) and the Conference on Interaction and the four-years old Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) have potential to emerge as effective forum of countries in the Asia region;